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Letter dated 11 May 2010 from the Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs

I have the honour to refer to the Fourth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, to be held in New York from 14 to 18 June 2010. In this connection, and in follow-up to our note (A/CONF.192/BMS/2010/1), I am forwarding the second letter addressed by the Chair-designate, Ambassador Pablo Macedo, to all States Members of the Organization on the progress of his consultations concerning the Meeting.

I would be very grateful if that letter were published as a document of the Fourth Biennial Meeting of States.

(*Signed*) Claude **Heller**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations

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Annex to the letter dated 11 May 2010 from the Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs

[Original: English]

I have the honour to address you in my capacity as Chair-designate of the Fourth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, to be convened from 14 to 18 June 2010 in New York.

The intention of this letter is to update Member States on the latest developments in preparation of the above-mentioned meeting. After holding consultations, and taking into account the issues or topics of relevance that I have identified as being of concern to most delegations, I hereby propose the following agenda for the Fourth Biennial Meeting:

(a) Prevention and combat of illicit trade in small arms and light weapons across borders;

(b) International cooperation and assistance;

(c) Strengthening of the follow-up mechanism of the Programme of Action;

(d) Implementation of the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons;

(e) Other issues, which could include, inter alia, promotion of a dialogue and a culture of peace by encouraging education and public awareness programmes on the problems of the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects.

As a result of my consultations and following previous practice, I have decided to designate friends of the Chair-designate for each of the proposed topics, to act as facilitators during the negotiations. The following delegates have been designated for that purpose:

- Mr. Federico Perazza, Permanent Mission of Uruguay to the United Nations in New York (topic a);
- Ms. Sarah de Zoeten, Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations in New York (topic b);
- Mr. William Kullman, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives of the United States Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. (topic d);
- Mr. Lawrence Obisakin, Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the United Nations in New York (topic e).

With respect to topic C (Strengthening of the follow-up mechanism of the Programme of Action), I will be conducting the negotiations myself as announced in the open session of consultations held on 19 March 2010 in New York.

It is my intention to continue to hold consultations with Member States. In this regard, there will be an open session at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 19 May 2010 (room to be confirmed). I encourage all delegations to participate,

so that we can lay the foundations for a successful Fourth Biennial Meeting. Meanwhile, I will ask the friends of the Chair-designate, as previously stated, to continue their ongoing consultations with a view to presenting documents for distribution at that session. I look forward to seeing you on 19 May.

(*Signed*) Pablo **Macedo**